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SUBJECT: MINISTER MOLLER VISIT TO THE U.S.

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SUMMARY: DANISH MINISTER OF DEFENSE ORLA MOLLER WILL BE VISITING SECDEF AND VARIOUS U.S. MILITARY AND CONTRACTOR INSTALLATIONS 13-28 JULY IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN INVITATION FROM SACLANC TO VISIT SACLANC HEADQUARTERS IN NORFOLK. I RECOMMEND THAT DURING HIS VISIT U.S. AUTHORITIES EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF EVERY NATO ALLY PULLING ITS WEIGHT. SPECIFICALLY, WE SHOULD STRESS THAT DANES SHOULD NOT REDUCE DEFENSE EXPENDITURES IN NEW DEFENSE AGREEMENT WHICH WILL BE NEGOTIATED AMONG POLITICAL PARTIES IN THE AUTUMN. END SUMMARY.

1. WE UNDERSTAND FROM MINISTER OF DEFENSE ORLA MOLLER THAT HE AND PARTY (SEE REFTEL) WILL ARRIVE IN NEW YORK 13 JULY. HIS TRIP WILL INCLUDE VISITS TO THE UN, SECDEF, SACLANC, GENERAL DYNAMICS/FT WORTH (F-16 PROJECT), AND VISITS TO VARIOUS MILITARY INSTALLATIONS WHERE DANES ARE UNDERGOING TRAINING. THE MINISTER WILL DEPART LOS ANGELES FOR COPENHAGEN ON 28 JULY.

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THE FOLLOWING TENTATIVE SCHEDULE WAS PROVIDED TO ME BY

THE DANISH MINISTER OF DEFENSE:

13 JULY ARRIVE NYC

15 JULY CALL ON DANISH AMBASSADOR TO UN. DEPART FOR WASH.

16 JULY CALL ON DANISH AMBASSADOR.

CALL ON SECDEF TO DISCUSS DANISH-ZAMERICAN DEFENSE MATTERS FOLLOWED BY LUNCH.

17 JULY FREE

18 JULY DEPART FOR NORFOLK. DISCUSSIONS WITH ADM KIDD

19 JULY VISIT SACLANT. DEPART FOR CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C.

20 JULY VISIT USMC, CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C.

21 JULY DEPART FOR REDSTONE ARSENAL AND FORT RUCKER. VISIT WITH DANISH MILITARY UNDERGOING TRAINING.

22-23 JULY DEPART FOR FT. WORTH. VISIT GENERAL DYNAMICS (F-15 PROGRAM)

24-25 JULY DEPART FOR PHOENIX. BOTH DAYS FREE.

26 JULY VISIT DANISH STUDENTS AT WILLIAMS AFB. DEPART FOR EDWARDS AFB TO OBSERVE F-16 TEST CENTER.

27 JULY LOS ANGELES. DAY FREE.

28 JULY DEPART FOR COPENHAGEN

2. MINISTER MOLLER, AN OLD-TIME SOCIAL DEMOCRAT AND LONG-TIME FRIEND OF THE U.S., IS THE BEST DEFENSE MINISTER DENMARK HAS SEEN IN SOME TIME. IN HIS OTHER CAPACITY AS MINISTER OF JUSTICE, HE HAS HAD A LOT OF PROBLEMS HANDLING THE CONTROVERSIAL ISSUE OF CLOSING DOWN THE EXPERIMENTAL COMMUNE IN COPENHAGEN (CHRISTIANA). IF THESE PROBLEMS CONTINUE, HE MAY OFFER TO GIVE UP HIS JUSTICE PORTFOLIO. THE MINISTER IS A STAUNCH SUPPORTER OF A STRONG NATIONAL AND NATO DEFENSE. HE IS THE LEADING ADVOCATE WITHIN HIS PARTY OF MAINTAINING DANISH MILITARY PREPAREDNESS. I RECOMMEND THAT AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY, U.S. OFFICIALS, PARTICULARLY SECDEF AND SACLANT, REAFFIRM U.S. CONFIDENCE AND APPRECIATION FOR MINISTER MOLLER'S EFFORTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO BOTH NATO AND DANISH-AMERICAN DEFENSE RELATIONSHIPS. ALTHOUGH IT WILL BE PREACHING TO THE CHOIR, WE SHOULD EXPRESS OUR CONCERN OVER PROPOSED REDUCTIONS IN THE NEW DANISH DEFENSE AGREEMENT NOW UNDER DISCUSSION IN COPENHAGEN.

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